

EXPLORERS BEGIN CLIMBING EVEREST

Expedition Sets Out in Heavy Rainstorm to Scale "Top of World"

NOTED SCIENTISTS ON TRIP

Following is the first special cable dispatch from Colonel Howard Bury, leader of the party setting out to climb the world's highest peak.

Headquarters of Mount Everest Expedition, May 22.—(Via Simla and London, May 27.)—The Mount Everest expedition started from Darjeeling in two parties on May 18 and 19. Monsoon-like conditions had already begun, with heavy showers of rain, and the mountains were all veiled in thick clouds.

An advance party, consisting of Major H. T. Morhead, of the Survey of India, with two assistant surveyors, left Darjeeling on May 13 and proceeded with fifty coolies up Teesta Valley to correct some data of Sikkim Mahi which are very inaccurate.

The members of the expedition consist of myself, in charge of the whole expedition, with Harold Raeburn, widely known member of the Alpine Club and author of several books on mountain climbing, in charge of the Alpine climbers, who consist of Dr. Kellas, Mr. Bullock and Mr. Mallory, of the Alpine Club.

Dr. Kellas is well known for his climbs in the Himalayas, and already in this year has climbed Narsing and spent several nights at more than 20,000 feet on Kulu. He will this summer continue his valuable chemical and physical researches in questions of oxygen and blood pressures at great heights.

A. F. Wollaston, with many interesting expeditions to his credit, is botanist and zoologist of the expedition, and is responsible for the health of Dr. Hutton, of the Indian Geological Survey, who is in charge of the geological work, has been lent by the department to try to solve geological problems awaiting the explorer on the northern slopes of the Himalayas.

The principal transport of the expedition consists of 100 mules lent by Lord Rawlinson, commander-in-chief in India, who takes great interest in the expedition. Each mule can carry a load of 100 pounds. Mules are by far the best and quickest transportation in the mountains where paths are unpracticable.

The drivers accompanying them are all hillmen from the Chamba Kangra Valley and other hill districts in Northern India. They have been doing long route marches every day to get fit and to train for the hard work they will have to undergo on the Sikkim and Tibetan routes.

Two Held on Arson Charge Chester, Pa., May 26.—Arrested on suspicion of committing arson, Walter Gibbs, of Linwood, told the police they say, that he set fire to the store of Benjamin Freed, in Linwood, on May 8. For the job he received \$100 from the proprietor, he testified, Gibbs was arrested by Deputy Fire Marshal Greenwood, who later took Freed into custody. Both men were given a hearing before Justice of the Peace Ebricht and committed to Media jail to await trial. Freed denied the accusation. Gibbs was severely burned on both hands. This led to his arrest.

CITIZENS AID TRAFFIC GOPS

Fifteen Hundred Detroit Residents Watching Speeding Motorists Detroit, May 27.—(By A. P.)—Fifteen hundred members of the civilian police today began assisting the traffic force of the Police Department in apprehending motorists who violate traffic regulations.

"So serious has the situation become that we are throwing our entire force into the battle against traffic violations, as we did against the crime wave recently," Special Deputy Commissioner Davis, of the civilian police department, said.

The civilian force will continue its work "until the evil has been stamped out," Commissioner Davis said.

BACH FESTIVAL OPENS

Bethlehem Choir Renders Works of Great Musician Bethlehem, Pa., May 27.—Music lovers from more than sixty cities and towns ranging from New England to West Virginia and westward to Minnesota are in attendance at the annual Bach Festival, which opened this afternoon at Lehigh University.

Under the direction of Dr. J. Fred Walle, conductor, the Bach Choir, a community chorus of 295 men and women, this afternoon sang a cantata and an oratorio and tonight will give a motet and a cantata of Bach. The program for tomorrow's session is the mass in B minor, probably the most difficult choral composition ever written, which Dr. Walle's choir sang in 1900 for the first time in America and is now rendering for the fourteenth time.

The accompaniment is furnished by T. Edgar Shields, organist, and members of the Philadelphia Orchestra, who also will play two of Bach's instrumental numbers. The soloists are Florence Hinkle and Mildred Fans, sopranos; Merle Alcock and Mabel Beddoe, contraltos; Nicholas Douy, tenor, and Charles T. Tittman, bass.

The usual distinguished audience was present. Fifteen magazines and newspapers in New York, Boston and Philadelphia have sent special correspondents.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINISHES ITS WORK

Presbyterians Conclude 133d Session With Long Record of Accomplishments

GOVERNMENT CHANGES FEW

By the Associated Press Winona Lake, Ind., May 27.—Commissioners of the 133d General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. began a general session from Winona Lake today following the dissolution of the assembly last night.

The docket of the assembly, which had been in session here since May 10, formally ended by Dr. Henry P. Swearingen, of St. Paul, Minn., Moderator.

The assembly during its sessions disposed of more than 1000 resolutions presented from various Presbyteries dealing with a variety of subjects. Approved was given to a budget of \$12,000,000 for the expenses of church boards and agencies during the coming year.

Despite numerous overtures, the commissioners refused to make any radical changes in the form of church government, but decided to continue a special committee which has been in existence for one year, and which was appointed for the purpose of studying the problems of the organization and consolidation of the numerous boards and agencies.

Dr. John T. Stone, of Chicago, is chairman of the committee. A resolution will be made to the next General Assembly, which will meet in Des Moines, Ia., in May, 1922. At various times during the Assembly the commissioners expressed their approval of the work conducted by the Presbyterian New Era Movement and in the closing session voted down a resolution which proposed that the movement be terminated at the close of the period provided for its maintenance and then consideration be given to continuing its activities under another name.

SPAGHETTI FOR CARUSO

Miles of Comestible on Board Ship on Which Tenor Sings for Italy New York, May 27.—(By A. P.)—Several miles of spaghetti for the personal use of Enrico Caruso and his party are on the steamer President Wilson, which will sail for Italy tomorrow with the famous tenor on board.

Caruso is not "carrying coals to New Castle," for there is a reported shortage of spaghetti in his home land.

The tenor, who is going abroad to rest after a long and serious illness, has chartered five suites on the steamer, one of which has been fitted up as a nursery and playroom for his little daughter, Glorcia. A private cook and bevy of servants will function during the journey.

QUITS POLISH CABINET JOB

Prince Sapieha Resigns as Minister of Foreign Affairs Warsaw, May 27.—President Pilsudski has accepted the resignation of Prince Eugene Sapieha as Minister of Foreign Affairs, John Dombalski, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, has been named Interim Minister.

A dispatch from Warsaw May 18 said Prince Sapieha would resign his portfolio owing to the Polish Diet's disapproval of his policy with regard to Vilna.

General Porter Thought Dying

New York, May 27.—Brigadier General Horace Porter, former United States Ambassador to France, is reported to be dying in his home here. Physicians said the illness was due to a general breakdown from old age. General Porter is eighty-five years old and a veteran of the Civil War. He underwent a serious operation about a year ago.

YANKEE IN MOSCOW THrice NEAR DEATH

Dr. Estes, Film Man, Had Hour of Execution Fixed on Three Occasions

NOW IN PRISON HOSPITAL

By the Associated Press Riga, May 27.—The health of Dr. Estes, the American motion-picture photographer who is being held prisoner by the Bolsheviks, has improved greatly since his recent removal from a prison cell to a hospital in Moscow, advised from that city reveal.

During his imprisonment Dr. Estes was examined weekly three times, according to word from him which he reached here, and was three times told he would be shot, with the day and hour fixed. He is still in good spirits, however.

The Bolsheviks, it is learned, charge that he is a spy for the American, British and Polish Governments.

A dispatch received here from Moscow says that since January 1 there have been issued 1,100,000,000 rubles in paper currency as against 255,000,000,000 issued for the same period of last year. Eighty-seven per cent of the new budget is to be covered by the new issue.

The dispatch adds that economists now advocate reducing the number of

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Denver Woman Kills Assassin

Denver, May 27.—Mrs. James C. M. Chichester, the Bolshevik Foreign Minister, has sent out wireless dispatch branding as false the reports of a revolution in Petrograd. The dispatch says that everything in Petrograd is quiet.

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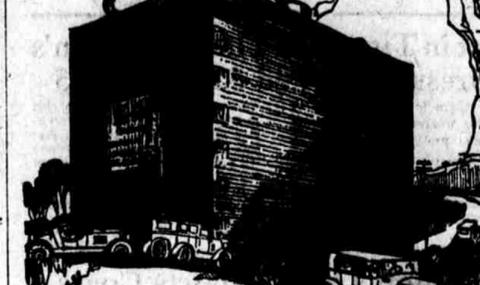
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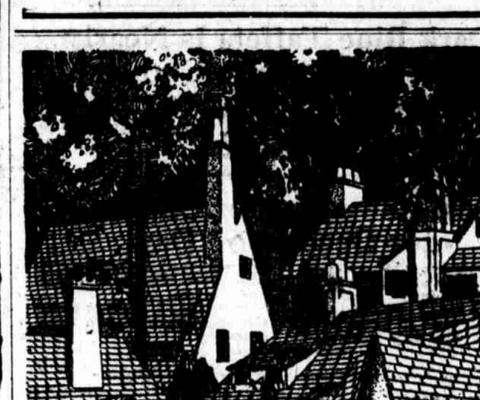
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